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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR
PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C 120 AND 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(3)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority to be inserted into the specification of the above referenced application.

Applicants request that the following sentence be added as the first line of the specification:

This is a division of Serial No. 09/590,061, filed June 8, 2000; US Patent No. 6,379,888.

Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$1330.00 Petition Fee believed by applicants to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) in connection with this Petition, and any additional

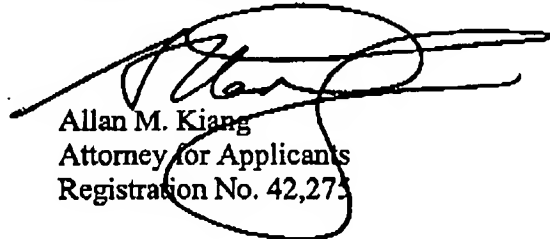
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's agent at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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